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- BA** The specification and claims of EP 0 885 164 B1 are in English. US 5,681,005, as cited herein, is also an English equivalent.
- BB** The specification and claims of EP 0322535 A1 in English. Equivalents of this patent include JP 1175808 and KR 9206272.
- BC** The claims of EP 0 006 840 B1 are in English. The priority for EP 0 006 840 B1 is AT 4599/78. U.S. Patent No. 4,354,709, as cited herein, is an English equivalent.
- BD** The priority for DE 29 46 472 is AT 490/79. U.S. Patent No. 4,316,631, as cited herein, is an English equivalent.



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